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DEPT FOR A/FO/SY/MSG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MSG
SUBJ: REQUIREMENT FOR MSG TDY

1. EMBASSY HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL MSG WATCH-STANDERS FOR A THREE WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 19.

DURING THIS PERIOD WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING AND INSTALLING THE SKYLINK EQUIPMENT, MUCH OF IT HIGHLY SENSITIVE. THE SIZE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTALLATION DICTATE THAT WE STORE MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT AT OUR GSO COMPOUND. WE HAVE TRIED TO ARRANGE ANOTHER SOLUTION, BUT IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO STORE IT IN THE CHANCERY ITSELF. GIVEN THE REQUIREMENT TO SAFEGUARD THE EQUIPMENT, WE MUST ESTABLISH ANOTHER FIXED POST FOR THE PERIOD OF INSTALLATION. WE SHALL ALSO NEED ESCORTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT AS IT IS TRANSPORTED FROM THE COMPOUND TO THE CHANCERY.

2. THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF AN AUGMENTED MSG PRESENCE HERE DURING THE INSTALLATION IS THAT IT WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE TECHNICIANS WHO ARE ACTUALLY DOING THE JOB. OTHERWISE THEY WILL HAVE TO INTERRUPT WORK TO ESCORT EQUIPMENT BACK AND FORTH. GIVEN THE COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS ON THIS POST, WE NATURALLY WANT TO COMPLETE THE TASK RAPIDLY.

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3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THIS REQUIREMENT WITH CO. F IN NAIROBI. COMMANDING OFFICER SAYS CO. F CAN MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS, BUT DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL AND ORDERS ARE REQUIRED.

4. REQUEST PRIORITY RESPONSE SO THAT MSG'S MAY ARRANGE TO

TRAVEL ON KQ-756 MARCH 19, THE ONLY CONNECTION THAT WILL
BRING THEM TO MOGADISCIO IN TIME TO START WORK.
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